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THE ADDRESS OF THE LORDS Spiritual and Temporal, and COMMONS Assembled in PARLIAMENT, TO THE KING'S most Excellent MAJESTY.

Presented by the Right Honourable, the Lord Marquess of *Hallifax*, Lord Privy Seal, and Speaker to the House of Lords, In the Banqueting-House at *Whiteball*, the Eighth of *March*, 1689.

WITH

His Majesty's Most Gracious Answer thereunto.

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ADDRESS

OF THE

Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons Assembled in Parliament, to the King's most Excellent Majesty.

Die Martis, 5 Martii, 1689.

WE Your Majesty's most faithful and dutiful Subjects, the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, the Commons assembled in Parliament, being highly sensible of our late great and signal Deliverance from Popery and Arbitrary Power, whereof it hath pleased Almighty God to make Your Majesty the glorious Instrument, and desiring to the utmost of our abilities to express our Gratitude to Your Majesty for so great and generous an Undertaking, no less necessary for the Support of the Protestant Interest in Europe, than for the recovering

overing and maintaining the Civil Rights and
Liberties of these Nations, so notoriously in-
aded and undermined by Popish Counsels
nd Counsellours, and being likewise fully con-
inced of the restless Spirits, and the continued
ndeavours of Your Majesties and all the
Nations Enemies, for the Extirpation of the
rotestant Religion, and the Subversion of
ur Laws and Liberties, do unanimously de-
are, that we will stand by and assist Your
Majesty with our Lives and Fortunes in sup-
orting Your Alliances abroad, in reducing of
eland, and in defence of the Protestant Religi-
n and of the Kingdom.

His Majesties most Gracious Answer to the Address of both Houses of Parliament.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IF *any thing could add to the Esteem and Affection I have for* Parliaments, *and particularly for this, they would be much encreased by the kindness you shew to me, and the Zeal you express for the publick Good, in the Address you have made, which in the Manner, as well as the Matter, hath every thing in it that ought to recommend it to Me.*

I will assure you that I will never abuse the Confidence you shall put in me, being fully perswaded, that there is no sure Foundation *of a good Agreement between a King and his People, but mutual Trust; when that is once broken, a Government is half dissolved; it shall therefore be my chief Care never to give any* Parliament *cause to distrust*

me: And the best Method I can use for that purpose, is never to expect any thing from them but that which shall be their own Interest to grant.

I came hither for the Good of the Kingdom, and since it is at your desire that I am in this Station, I shall still pursue the same ends that brought me.

God hath been pleased to make me instrumental to redeem you from the Ills you feared, and it is still my desire, as well as my Duty, to endeavour to preserve your Religion, Laws, and Liberties, which were the only Inducements that brought me into England, and to those I ascribe the Blessings that have attended this Undertaking.

When I spoke last to you I told you of the necessity of Assisting our Allies, and more especially the States of Holland, whose readiness to relieve you, at their so great Hazard and Expence, from the Extremities you lay under, needs no other Arguments to move you to the consideration of it.

As I was then a witness of their Zeal and Affection.

fection to promote the Expedition, and to second my [illegible]
Endeavours even with a Neglect of their own [illegible]
Safety, so I am now sensible of the inevitable ruine [illegible]
they have drawn upon Themselves, by giving you [illegible]
this Assistance, if you should not return it to them. [illegible]

They really exhausted themselves to such a De- [illegible]
gree, both as to Men and Money, that it is not ea- [illegible]
sily to be imagined, and I am confident your Gene- [illegible]
rosity will have as little bounds towards them, as [illegible]
theirs had towards you; and that you will not only [illegible]
enable Me to make good the Treaty with them, and [illegible]
repay what they have actually laid out upon this occa- [illegible]
sion, of which our Account shall be given to you, but [illegible]
that you will farther support them, to the utmost of [illegible]
your Ability, against the Power of their Enemies, [illegible]
who must be yours too, by their Interest, and by [illegible]
their Religion; and do certainly design the Ruine [illegible]
of Holland, *to be a step to your destruction.* [illegible]

I need not take pains to tell you the deplorable [illegible]
condition of Ireland, *which by the Zeal and Vio-*

lence

ance of the Popish Party there, and by the assistance nd encouragements they have from France, is rought to that pass, that it is not advisable to attempt the Reducing it, otherwise than by a very onsiderable Force, which I think ought not to be ess than Twenty Thousand Horse and Foot; which y the Blessing of God, will make the Work shorter, nd in consequence, the Charge easier, though the rst Expence must of necessity be very great.

You are to consider that towards the more speedy nd effectual success in relation to Ireland, as well as with a regard to France, there must be such a Fleet s may, in Conjunction with the States, make us so ntirely Masters of the Sea, that nothing can be sent rom France, either to Ireland, or any where else, hat may give disturbance to Us, or Our Allies.

I must also recommend the Consideration of the evenue to you, that it may be so Settled, as that may be Collected without dispute.

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

These things will amount to a great Summ, and must of consequence be a present weight upon the People; but considering that neither your Religion, nor your Safety, can probably be secured without these means, I conclude you will think nothing can be too great a price for their preservation. And I will engage my Solemn Word to You, That whatever you shall give in order to these publick ends, shall be strictly applyed to them; and that as you so freely offer to hazard all that is dear to you, so I shall as freely expose my Life for the support of the Protestant Religion, and the Safety and Honour of the Nation. THE END.

Die Veneris 8 Martii $168\frac{8}{9}$.

ORdered by the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, That the Address of both Houses Presented to His Majesty this day, and His Majesty's most Gracious Answer thereunto be forthwith Printed and Published,

Jo. Browne, Cleric. Parliamentor.

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